HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No. 4726 of 2002

Dated 04.07.2007

Between:

Busstand Public Telephone Owners Association.

…Petitioner

and

The A.P.S.R.T.C and others.

…Respondents

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O R D E R:

Petitioner is an Association of Bus Stand Public Telephone Owners. The members of the Association were granted licences for various bus stations on payment of the licence fee. In the month of December 2001, the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited had slashed the S.T.D. charges by 60%.

The petitioner made a representation on 04.01.2002 to the respondents to revise the licence fee for the telephone booths, providing for payment of 60% of the commission on the revenue earned in the booths. The representation was considered by the respondents and was rejected. The decision was communicated to the petitioner by the third respondent through letter, dated 17.02.2002. The same is challenged in this writ petition.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents.

It is not in dispute that the licence was granted, subject to payment of the licence fee. Corresponding agreements were also entered into. The fact that there was change in the tariff in the telephones does not

constitute the basis for altering the licence fee structure. At any rate, the licences granted in favour of the members of the petitioner-association had expired and new licences were granted from time to time. No interim order was granted by this Court, at the stage of admission. At this length of time, this Court does not find any basis to grant any relief to the petitioner.

Hence, the writ petition is dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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